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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully provide the following as a preliminary amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 and request that above-captioned patent application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION under Brief Description of the Drawings

At Page 6,

~~Figure 5 illustrates a representative manager service;~~

~~Figure 6 illustrates a representative agent;~~

~~Figure 7 illustrates another representative agent;~~

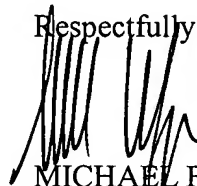
~~Figure 8 illustrates information relating to a representative service; and~~

~~Figure 9 illustrates representative option values.~~

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned should there be any questions regarding this communication.

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